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Disc golf event to raise money for Rotary Club projects

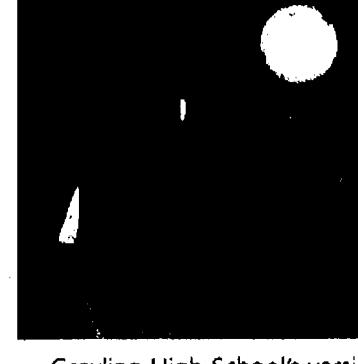


Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), the governing body for Hanson Hills, and the Grayling Rotary Club, a local service organization that has donated thousands of dollars to build two disc golf courses at Hanson Hills, will host the Rotary Fall Flinger Fundraiser Disc Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Event organizers hope the tournament will help the Rotary Club raise money for future projects and serve as a showcase for the park's disc golf courses.

"Even if they don't want to play they can come out and walk the course. It's going to be a really pretty fall walk," said Andy Moore, board member of the Grayling Rotary Club. **Page 19**

Volleyball team sweeps Harbor Springs, Kalkaska



Grayling High School's varsity volleyball team swept the Harbor Springs Rams and the Kalkaska Blazers in conference meets last week to start its league slate with a 2-0 record.

First, Harbor Springs. The Vikings hosted the Rams on Tuesday night.

In the first varsity game Grayling started strong, jumping out to a 12-4 lead. Harbor Springs battled back, cutting Grayling's advantage to three, 16-13. The Vikings outscored the Rams 9-3 during the remainder of the contest and won 25-16.

Game two was close; Grayling edged Harbor Springs 25-20 to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

The Vikings got off to another solid start in game three - they led 7-0 early - and won 25-8, clinching the series. **Page 11**

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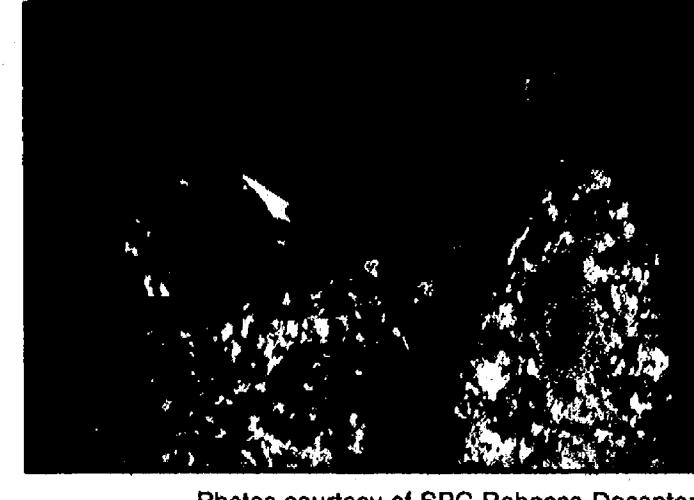
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A change of command ceremony was held on Saturday, Sept. 10, when duties were transferred from Col. Ron Latuszek of Grayling to Randall. Above left, Command Sgt. Maj. Tom Paquin hands the Camp Grayling guidon to outgoing Commander Col. Ron Latuszek as Randall is pictured in the background. Above right, As part of the Change of Command Ceremony, Col. Latuszek is presented the Federal Meritorious Service Medal by Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnais, the Adjutant General for the Michigan National Guard, for his service as Camp Grayling's Commander.

Military planner assumes command at Camp Grayling

Col. Ron Latuszek transferred to Lansing headquarters

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A commander with a plethora of national and international experience guiding the National Guard was recently appointed as the new leader for Camp Grayling.

Col. Erich Randall assumed the responsibilities of commanding the Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center on Sept. 1. A change of command ceremony was held on Saturday, Sept. 10, when duties were transferred from Col. Ron Latuszek of Grayling to Randall.

Latuszek, who was the camp commander for the last three years, has been assigned a position at the Michigan National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Lansing.

Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Vadnais, the adjutant general and the director of Military and Veterans Affairs for Michigan, picked

Randall to serve as the new commander after conferring with

National Guard leaders at the

Pentagon.

Camp Grayling is the largest National Guard base in the country and the second largest military base east of the Mississippi River.

Utilizing Camp Grayling to train soldiers is paramount to the success of the Michigan National Guard.

"We have tons of capabilities and we can do an awful lot of things that we're not already doing here regarding the training of soldiers," Randall said.

Prior to coming to Camp Grayling, Randall served as the chief strategist for the National Guard at the Pentagon.

"I understand the big picture and what's going on with the Army, the Department of Defense within and National Guard in the 54 states and territories," Randall said. "I'm a Michigan guardsman infantryman and understand how to train. I trained many, many years at Camp Grayling in my youth."

"I love the facility and respect



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the facility and the move for me was fantastic," Randall added. "I think it was a real hand and glove fit."

Randall grew up in Grant, a small farming community located north of Grand Rapids. After attending Central Michigan

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Board will consider administrative ordinance at next meeting

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

For the second time in three weeks, the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees opted not to take action on a proposal to transfer duties from the township supervisor to an appointed township superintendent.

About 30 people attended a second public hearing held by the township board on Tuesday, Sept. 13, to gather input on splitting administrative duties between a township supervisor and a proposed new township superintendent.

The Grayling Township Administrative Ordinance would delineate the duties of the Grayling Township supervisor and superintendent during the transition from a full-time supervisor with all inherent administrative duties assigned by the board to a part-time supervisor with only statutory duties. The superintendent would be assigned all administrative duties previously held by the supervisor.

The board said it will discuss the ordinance again at its regular monthly meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright is scheduled to retire on Friday, Oct. 28 after holding the office for 15 years. Wright has more than a year left on an unexpired term. Grayling Township Clerk Monica Ashton told citizens at the public hearing that Wright was moving to Florida and township officials are discussing the best way to fill the vacancy. Wright was not at the public hearing because he was in Florida.

Grayling Charter Township resident Marge Martella questioned the drastic, sudden change for township leadership.

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RED CROSS EMPLOYEES KEPT LIFELINE OF BLOOD DONORS IN GRAYLING FLOWING

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A labor strike initiated by some American Red Cross employees in Michigan forced the cancellation of an annual blood drive, but another blood drive allowed regular donors to be a day late and not a drop short.

A "temporary work stoppage" caused the cancellation of a blood drive scheduled at the American Legion Post #106 on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Employees from Camp Grayling's Maneuver and Equipment Training Site (MATES) assist with organizing and manning the blood drive.

The sticking point in negotiations between management and employees for the American Red Cross Great Lakes Services Region was the cost of health care insurance. Employees protested price hikes for their own health insurance as well as the cost for insurance for their dependents.

Rosemary Nelson, who organizes the blood drives held at the American Legion, said she was not informed until late Tuesday afternoon that the blood drive would not be held due to a lack of Red Cross employees able to staff the blood drive.

A blood drive, held at the St. Mary's Church on Thursday, Sept.

8, went on as planned. A skeleton crew of American Red Cross employees, based in Petoskey, manned the blood drive.

"I'm just doing my job and collecting blood that is needed right now," said Joy Raber, a collections operations supervisor from Petoskey. "We're all pitching in and helping out to do what's needed."

Cindi Bauer, a donor recruitment representative for the American Red Cross, was not impacted by the strike.

"My role is to work with management teams that are currently running the blood drives in order to make sure we have enough blood for the hospitals and patients that we service," Bauer said.

Bauer said the strike hurt as the American Red Cross is a national and international organization. Administrators could have been called upon to send blood for Hurricane Irene along with special plans already in place to commemorate the lives lost 10 years ago during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"When things like this happen, it's very sad because it is important that we have a safe and adequate blood supply for everybody who needs it when and where we need it," Bauer said.

The St. Mary's blood drive was



Photo by Dan Sanderson
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specifically slated to collect o-negative blood, one of two o-negative blood drives the church holds yearly. Type o-negative blood can be given to any patient or accident victim with other blood types, but people with o-negative blood can be given the blood in a critical situation.

Sixty-five people were scheduled for appointments at the American

Legion blood drive, while only 25 people were scheduled for the St. Mary's Church blood drive.

Dianne Branch, who coordinates the St. Mary's Church blood drives, said volunteers called 180 people for the blood drive last week. She was pleased that all the efforts were not lost due to the labor strike and to accommodate those who planned to

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Order of Eastern Star aims to please with pasties



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The Grayling Chapter of Order of Eastern Star #83 held its annual pastie sale last week to raise funds for the causes they support. Members gathered Tuesday to bake the pasties at the Grayling Masonic Lodge. Above left, June Mott and Aldiene Fuller are pictured with a tray of pasties ready to go into the oven. Above right, a rack of pasties are pictured cooling after they came fresh from the oven.

Grayling pilots return home from Iraq mission



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More than 100 soldiers from the Michigan National Guard's 1-147th Air Assault Battalion recently returned after a year-long deployment in Iraq. The soldiers logged more than 17,000 combat flying hours in 30 helicopters during their mission. The pilots moved supplies and personnel around the country. Left, Chief Warrant Officers-2 (CWO2) Keil Clough and Trevor Clough from Grayling conducted 500 combat flying hours during the mission.

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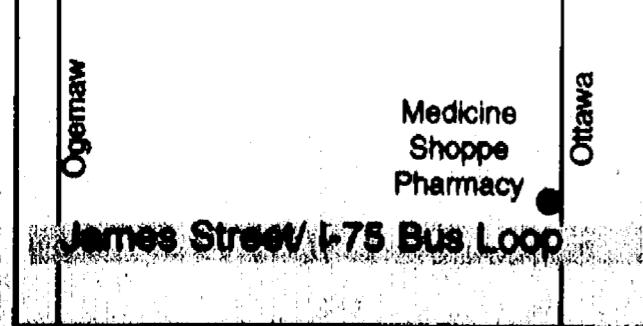
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"I was so happy to hear the results of the State's ranking of all schools," said Superintendent Joe Powers. "Our four schools ranked #1, #2, #3, and #4 in the area."

Not only were CASD schools the top in the region, the district average was also one of the best in the entire north.

"Our students compete with the best schools in the State," Powers added. "Our upper crust percentile rankings show that our kids get a great education and they can compete with anyone."

Crawford AuSable Schools receive some of the lowest funding in the entire state yet have achievement rankings that compare with schools that receive a lot more funding.

"This is a great indication of the Excellence in Education our Board of Education has strived for through their strategic plan," Powers said. "Our staff is responsible for implementing a top quality education program for our students and our community. They are doing a great job."

"With the massive cuts to K-12 education this year, I am happy that our students of Crawford County are performing so well," Powers added. A good school is synonymous with a good community."

The Crawford AuSable School District will be seeking two millage issues this school year.

On Nov. 8, 2011, Crawford-Oscoda-Ogemaw-Rosecommon Intermediate School District special education millage request will be on the ballot. This question was posed to voters in May, 2011.

The ballot question passed in Crawford County but did not pass in the total vote

within the four county educational region.

Seven of the surrounding ISDs generate over \$2,000 more per special education student.

Also, on Feb. 28, 2012, the CASD Board of Education will be seeking a local millage for facility improvements.

"Since the State has eliminated a lot of funding for our schools, we are at a crossroads. We are asking the community to help keep our schools great," said Powers. "Since our funding has dropped over a million dollars per year, we no longer have the funds to provide for building maintenance and improvements."

Fitness After Fifty at the Grayling Senior Center

Zumba Gold Fitness

Judy Morford, Licensed Instructor

Zumba Gold Fitness is a fun and exciting fitness program done with Latin music. It was designed for the older adult both fit and those who may be limited physically. The Zumba Program strives to improve balance, strength, flexibility, and most important, the heart. You can even participate sitting in a chair. Bring comfortable "no traction" shoes and a water bottle.

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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Are national debt reductions more than a hope?

WHEN IN DOUBT, appoint a super committee.

That's an honored method of postponing or dodging some group dilemma, especially in a political sphere.

That's exactly what Congress did a while back when the dilemma about raising the national debt ceiling failed to reach a lasting conclusion and chose a reluctant compromise and a new super committee to tackle the job.

The so-called super committee is made up of three Democratic senators and three Republican senators, along with three Republican House members and three Democratic House members.

Their task is to find at least \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts or revenue increases, or a combination of the two, and do it before Thanksgiving.

If there is no agreement, then the \$1.2 trillion dollars will come from automatic reductions in spending split equally between military and domestic budgets.

Both parties in Congress seem to agree that our \$15 trillion national debt must be harnessed and reduced, but so far partisan agreement has stopped right there.

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MEMBERS OF THE super

committee generally are not household names.

Co-Chairs are Democrat Sen. Patty Murray from Washington state, chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, and Republican Rep. Jeb Hensarling from Texas, chair of the House Republican Conference. Neither is famous in Michigan, for example, although having been in the Senate for 20 years, Sen. Murray probably has an advantage there.

For some reason Michigan has two members, both Republicans: Rep. Dave Camp from Midland, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Rep. Fred Upton from St. Joseph, chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The other Democratic members from the Senate are John Kerry of Massachusetts, chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, who ran for president in 2004; Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, in the senate since 1978 and chair of the Senate Finance Committee.

Republican senators are Sen. John Kyl from Arizona, second ranking Senate Republican as party whip, and who is planning to retire next year; Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, former House member

and budget official; and freshman Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, another former House member.

Democratic House members are Rep. Xavier Becerra of California, vice chair of the House Democratic caucus; Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, number three Democrat in the House; and Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, ranking Democrat on the House budget committee.

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IN A WAY, these 11 men and one woman may hold the future financial directions of the United States government in their hands, although few are recognized beyond their home states.

Will they be able to agree on ways to at least chip away at our national debt?

At one early meeting, partisans on both sides blamed the other side for running up the deficit.

Democrats claimed it was the Afghanistan and Iraq wars and the Bush-era tax cuts, while Republicans blamed a poor economy and galloping federal spending.

They are probably both right, but they didn't go back in history far enough. History will show Reagan administration programs added heavily to the growing

national debt problems of today.

At the same meeting, according to a report in *USA Today*, the director of the Congressional Budget Office, Douglas Elmendorf, who was appointed by Democrats in 2009, suggested that debt reduction requires three components: revenue increases, entitlement reforms, and discretionary cuts in spending.

"The more large pieces of the puzzle one takes off the table, the bigger the changes need to be in the remaining pieces," he told the super committee.

In other words, if Republican leaders continue to insist that any tax increases will not be allowed under any circumstances, then any other approach will be cuts, cuts and more cuts, in entitlements and in military and in domestic spending.

Democratic leaders also continue their drumbeat that the rich and super rich should pay higher taxes, in one way or another.

Many members of the super committee already hold significant party leadership posts in Congress, so meaningful compromise seems impossible.

Since the alternative to agreement from the super committee is automatic slicing both military and

domestic spending, Republicans seem to hold the upper hand.

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MIRACLES DO happen, though, at least once in a while.

Many of these 12 committee members have been known to compromise on certain occasions, depending on the issue.

Maybe this will be one of those times when the welfare of the nation will be placed before partisanship.

In ancient lore, Hercules was assigned 12 labors by the goddess Hera.

One of those was to clean the Aegean Stables.

That's about the size of the labor presented to the 12 members of the super committee, and I'll leave the obvious comparison of the content of the stables to the imagination.

Hercules completed his labors, including cleaning the stables.

Maybe the 12 members of what is formally known as the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction can pull off a similar near-miracle - but don't bet the old homestead on it.

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Viewpoint

By Cheryll Ruley, Executive Director - Crawford County United Way

September is United Way campaign kick-off month

"Just a dollar." Many of us who are fortunate enough to be working may take for granted what a dollar can do, but for those in need of assistance from our many local human service agencies, it can do more than you realize.

September is campaign kick-off month for Crawford County United Way. Part of that campaign involves asking local employers to participate in our payroll deduction program and encourage their employees to donate just a dollar each week from their pay.

If 1,000 employees in Crawford County made this pledge, your local United Way would raise \$52,000 to help our neighbors, many

are in need for the first time in their lives.

This past June, Crawford County United Way allocated \$32,500 to 15 local agencies for their work that supports our stated mission to "engage our local agencies to provide the measurable tools to impact the lives of the most vulnerable in our community."

To be noted, \$17,500 of the funds allocated was received through a single grant from Weyerhaeuser

Foundation. The grant will be much more modest this campaign year. Therefore, we must make up that difference and that is where you can help.

Sign up for payroll deduction; make a monthly donation, or an annual donation. Participate in our fundraisers throughout the year. Help us help others.

On Sept. 29, our Campaign Kick-Off Spaghetti Dinner will be held at Fox Run Country Club from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The meal will be buffet-style, with great local entertainment and a silent auction. We are asking for a donation at the door of \$10 per person/\$8 with three canned goods or \$25 per family of four/\$20 with three canned goods. All canned goods collected will be given to the Christian Help Center for distribution. Please join us!

We are also in the midst of our Cash for Christmas 50/50 Raffle with a minimum prize of \$200. We're hoping to sell enough tickets to end up with a \$1,000 prize, but we can't get there without everyone purchasing tickets, which are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and avail-

able at 7-Eleven in Grayling or by contacting us. The drawing will be held at noon on Nov. 20, 2011 at the Grayling Mini Mall, right before the drawings at the annual GPA Festival of Trees.

I have often said I live in the best community on Earth. I mean it sincerely. Crawford County residents are the most compassionate and generous people I have ever met. You know how to "Live United." It comes naturally to you. It's for that reason I felt confident about taking on the challenge to lead an organization many caring people initiated several years ago and kept growing. Some are probably watching carefully the stewardship of what was once their baby. I don't want to let them down or our neighbors in need.

For more information about our 2011-12 campaign or fundraisers, please call (989) 350-4462 or email crawforduw@gmail.com. Send donations to: CCUW, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.

With a little help from all, we can make a big difference.

Letters to the Editor

Grants foster bureaucracy

To the editor:

The Aug. 25, 2011 Avalanche contained an article headlined, "Local officials develop wildfire plan." The article reported that county officials are formulating an educational effort to save homes and prevent wildfires. The article went on to indicate that it hoped that grants could be obtained to help with these efforts.

My initial reaction was why do they need grants? Isn't this sort of thing we're paying them to do? Why do they need a grant to get them off their butts?

The concern I have with such grants is that they inevitably foster creeping bureaucracy expansion thus increasing tax burden. This is because when the grant runs out there will need to be an organization set up and funded to implement and continue the plan.

The article cited three

recent area fires as the need for education. The Howes Lake fire (started by lightning), the Four Mile Road fire (started by sparks from a train engine) and the Meridian Road fire (started by burning brush). I fail to see how any amount of education would have prevented these fires.

An additional concern I have is that, in order to justify their existence the new bureaucracy will have to recommend the enactment of ordinances such as restricting trees within certain distances from buildings.

Instead of establishing a larger bureaucracy to handle the education effort, I suggest enlisting the MSU Cooperative Extension Service. Education, after all, is their business.

C. David Church,
Roscommon

Take your trash home

To the editor:

To the person or persons dumping trash on Margrethe Blvd., off M-93, I have one question: What is wrong with you? Are you jealous of the people who can afford to live in this area? Do you feel it is funny to trash an area that otherwise is clean and pristine?

Perhaps it is because you have no respect for yourself, and therefore are incapable of having respect for anyone else.

You were brave enough to throw your trash out. How about leaving your name and address so we can return it to

you? Oops, that would take courage, sorry to ask.

We have picked up everything from fast food wrappers, beer bottles to dirty baby diapers. One of my neighbors, unfortunately, I don't know who, took the initiative and had made up a sign for along the road stating "Why litter." Guess what? The sign is gone and trash is in its place.

Please, think about what you are doing. We are not bothering you. Take your trash home.

James W. Allman
Grayling

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper

use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Briefs

COA to hold dinner

The COA will hold a Grandparents Day Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 22, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meal will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, Midori blend vegetables, fruit salad and strawberry shortcake. The cost is \$5.25 per person and \$2.50 for those over 60. Dinner is open to the public. For more information, call 348-7123.

Eagles to hold hot dog and bake sale

Grayling's Junior Eagles will hold a hot dog and bake sale at Glen's Market on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will also be accepting returnable cans and bottles. Money raised will go to support the Crawford County Christian Help Center.

Church to hold Swiss Steak Dinner

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, will hold a Swiss Steak Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 and children under age 6, eat free. Takeouts will be available.

CCUW to hold Spaghetti Dinner

The Crawford County United Way will hold a Campaign Kick-off Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Fox Run Country Club. There will be music, comedy and a silent auction. Pay at the door \$10 per person, \$8 with three canned goods, \$25 for a family of 4 or \$20 per family with 3 canned goods. Canned donations will go to Christian Help Center.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

MPSC to host forum in Grayling

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) will host a series of utility consumer information and assistance forums throughout Michigan from late September through early November. A forum is scheduled for Grayling at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m.

These forums are designed to give consumers the latest information on electric and natural gas rates for the winter and the status of local and long distance telephone service.

"The main focus of each forum is helping utility customers," said MPSC Chairman Orjiakor Isiogu. "They will be able to get their questions answered, and local utility service providers and assistance

organizations will join with the MPSC to help customers on site with any problems they may be experiencing."

One of the MPSC's three commissioners will be available at the forum to discuss these issues, explain how the Commission makes decisions, and listen to questions and comments regarding utility service.

The forum sites are accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact Joel Roseberry at (517) 373-1540 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Library News

Devereaux Memorial Library is diggin' up more bones at "Teen Gene" on Friday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. This genealogy program is geared to teens and tweens who want to unearth the skeletons in their closets! Call Connie Meyer to sign up at 989-348-9214.

"Aid" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Sep. 29 at 3:30 p.m. Play the banned book challenge game for prizes...along with stories, snacks and fun. Call Jane at 989-348-9214 for more information.

The Crawford County Library's Literary (C.C.L.L.) Book Club will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. This month's discussion is on "Moby Dick" by Herman Melville and led by Paula Sells. Join us for a whale of a good talk.

Celebrate banned book week (September 24-October 1) by freeing your mind and reading from a banned book. Kids ages 6-12 can sign up for "Banned

Find Critters in the Moonlight at Hartwick Pines

The Friends of Hartwick Pines State Park in Crawford County will sponsor their annual Critters in the Moonlight Halloween Walk from 5 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the park, 4216 Ranger Road in Grayling.

The event is a fun and educational 45-minute trek through Hartwick Pines trails lit by 100 jack-o-lanterns and lantern lights. Meet up with friendly forest critters along the way. A special trail for small children is about 20-minutes long.

Boy Scout Troop 1 from Gaylord will have chili and hot dogs for sale starting at 4:30 p.m.

The first tour leaves from the Memorial Building porch at 5 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to wear costumes. Photo buttons can be purchased of your own little critter. For details, call the park office, 989-348-7068.

Conservation District to hold tree sale

Each fall, the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District provides residents the opportunity to purchase trees. Conifers (evergreens) are available this fall. White Cedar, Jack, Red and White Pine; and Blue, Norway and White Spruce are sold in seedling, transplant and plug sizes.

A seedling has been in a seedbed for two years.

A transplant is grown as this seedling, then transplanted to a larger bed for another year or two to develop thicker and stronger root systems.

A plug is germinated from seed in "plugs" of peat moss and other organic material for one to two years. Since the roots are

established in the plug of dirt, they begin to put out new root growth and top growth fairly quickly. They experience much less stress during transplanting on your property as bare root trees do.

Other environmental items available year around are: Books, deer repellent, tree planting products, general soil surveys, and Crawford County Plat Books.

Contact the Conservation District office by calling (989) 275-3163 or e-mail barb.stauffer@macd.org. The office is located in the Roscommon County Building and open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Jazz band slated for hometown show

A jazz band featuring a Grayling native, Andy Hunter, will be performing at the Rialto Theatre next week.

The band Spoke, will be performing at Grayling's historic Rialto Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, in support of their new Envoi Records release, Succinct.

During the past six years of performing together, Spoke has energized audiences and earned critical praise for their 2009 self-

titled debut release.

The Brooklyn-based

band includes trombonist

Hunter, saxophonist Justin

Wood, bassist Dan Loomis

and drummer Danny

Fischer.

In the last year, the members of Spoke have performed at major festivals

and venues in several countries

along with such

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The Bible Speaks

Is Sabbath Christian?

Last week we observed at least 15 reasons from the Bible why for 2,000 years Christians have honored Sunday as the Lord's Day to begin their weekly worship of Him. Making Sunday worship mandatory started as Sunday was declared a day of rest by the Roman Emperor Constantine in AD 321. Later in AD 363, the Romans Catholic church prohibited a seventh day Sabbath by Canon 29 at the Council of Laodicea. In the Bible Sabbath is on Saturday, the seventh day of the week. Sunday is not called Sabbath because it is on the first day and not the seventh day of the week.

The Sabbath day was a sign between God and Israel and is always the seventh day of the week. "12And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 13Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. 14Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death." (Exodus 31:12-15). They could not even build a fire on the Sabbath. (Numbers 15:32-36; Exodus 35:3).

The Sabbath day was given to Israel and not to the New Testament Church. The Sabbath is for a perpetual covenant between God and Israel: "16Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17It is a sign between me and the children

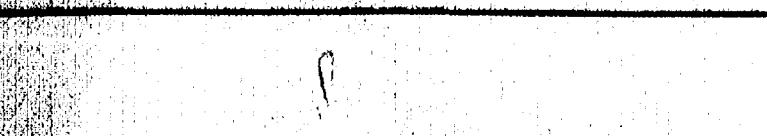
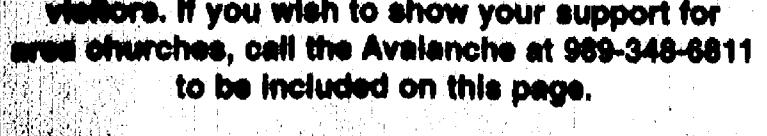
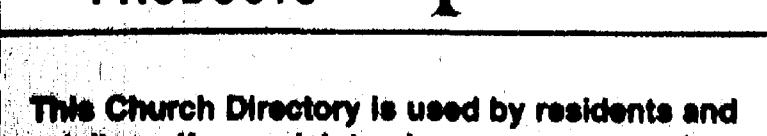
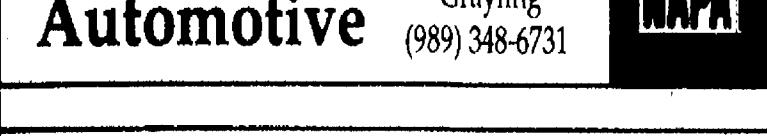
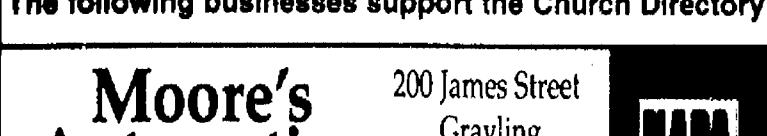
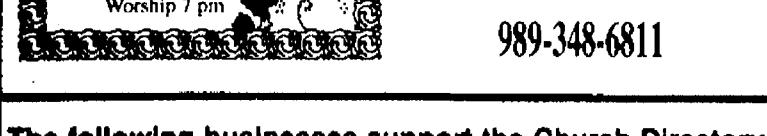
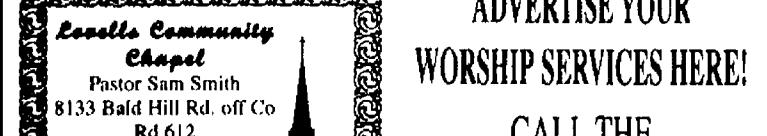
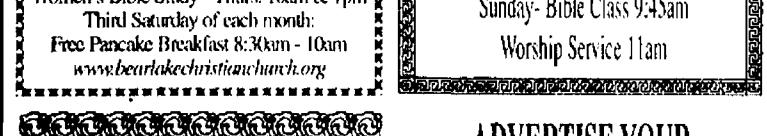
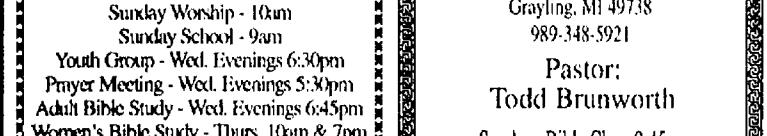
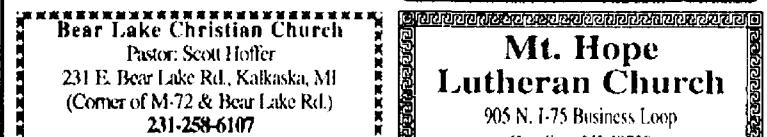
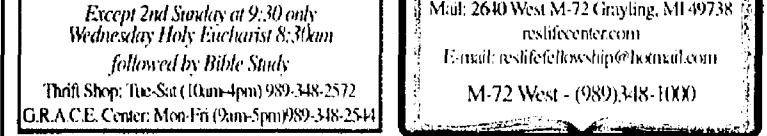
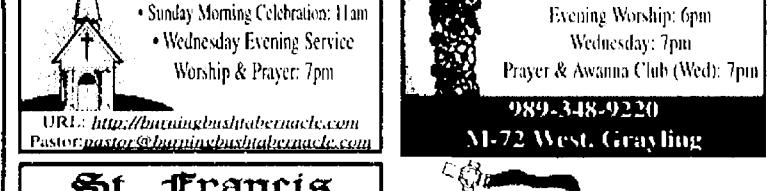
of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. 18And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God."

The church is clearly told not to be judged by Sabbath keeping because Christ has fulfilled these types and shadows on His cross: "13And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

16Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of any holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." (Colossians 2:13-17).

This is also the teaching of Romans 14 which we are now studying. "5One man esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." The Sabbath of Genesis was God's Sabbath and was never placed upon any human until the Law was given to Israel. Jesus kept the Sabbath because He came to fulfill the law. Even churches that claim to keep the Sabbath on either Saturday or Sunday, openly violate most of God's Sabbath laws in the Bible. Pastor "B"

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Obituaries



Robert A. Squanda

Robert Arthur Squanda, 76, of Grayling, formally of Indiantown, passed away Thursday, September 15, 2011 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

He was born October 22, 1934 in Saginaw to the late Alec and Lois (Prast) Squanda.

He was married to Billie Landskroener on April 27, 1957 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Saginaw. She survives him.

He had been employed as a life long farmer and then worked for 10 years for the State of Michigan as a produce inspector. He retired in 1999 and moved to Grayling.

Bob enjoyed his farm toy collection, as well as his large tractors and antiques. He enjoyed morning coffee at Lone Pine and Goodale's Bakery.

Robert's Funeral Liturgy took place at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 19, 2011 at St. Norbert Catholic Church, 126 W. Munger Road, (M-138) Munger. Rev. Fr. Joseph Schabel officiated with burial in Buena Vista Township Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Earl French Scholarship, the Robert and Billie Squanda Family Scholarship Fund, or Mercy Hospital in Grayling. Please share your thoughts and memories with Robert's family through www.DeislerFuneralHome.com.

In Memory of

In memory of George A. Gasser, Sept. 18, 1959 - June 25, 2008.

We thought of you today, but that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday and all of the days before that. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have are memories and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which we'll never part. God has you in his arms, we have your in our hearts.

You are so loved and very much missed by all.

Tammy Sue, Maggie, Shania, Troy, Toni Jo, Tim, Tegan, Geo, Jason, and so many family and friends

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness and thoughtfulness in Elsie's memory.

The family of Elsie Jansen

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Jack W. Hagerman

Jack W. Hagerman, 73, of Grayling, died on September 18, 2011 at Munson Medical Center.

He was born on August 17, 1938 in Lansing, the son of Joseph and Lena (Graves) Hagerman.

Jack was a Grayling resident since 1977 and was a long time member of the Eagles and Moose Lodge both in Grayling and Kalkaska. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was employed by the state Treasury for 25 years.

On June 2, 1962 in Grayling, he married Sharon Blaine who survives.

Also surviving are three children: Joseph (Angela) Hagerman, Kim (Terry) Messerschmidt and, Karmen Cornell all of Grayling; two sisters, Jean Dodge of Hope, Janet McConnell of Cummings, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Judy and Joyce; as well as a granddaughter, Cory Jean Hagerman.

Burial will take place on Friday, September 23 at 11 a.m. at Eldred Cemetery, Kearney Township, near Bellaire.

Memorial contributions may be made to and checks payable to the National Hemophilia Foundation, 116 W. 32nd St., 11th floor, New York, N.Y. 10001.

Arrangements are being handled by the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign our online guestbook at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Joyce A. Lindberg

Joyce Ann Lindberg, 80, of Grayling, passed away on September 17, 2011.

Joyce was born in Ashland, Wisconsin on March 23, 1931, daughter of the late Ethel (Lindgren) and George David Lindberg.

She enjoyed reading, education (U of M alumni), dancing, "The Sound of Music", being "the number one fan" of GHS musical productions and being "Grandma Joyce" to the choral groups of Grayling High School.

She is survived by daughters, Karen (David) Ross, of Grayling, Heidi Vogel, of Gaylord; son, David (Keri) Svensen, of Grayling; grandchildren: Melanie Dideriksen, Gretchen Ross and Heather Clay, Andrea, Vanessa, Sean, and Ryan Vogel; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, George Lindberg.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Alzheimer's Assn.

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Births

Patricia S. Sims

Patricia Sue Sims, 59, of Frederic, died Friday, September 16, 2011 at home.

She was born August 19, 1952 in Mt. Clemens, lived in the Madison Heights area, and had been a resident of Frederic the last 17 years.

Patricia enjoyed her volunteer work with the Grayling and Kalkaska Eagles and the Grayling Moose. She enjoyed bowling and especially enjoyed traveling the last several years with her significant other, Archie McKay.

She is survived by her children: Jack (Cheryl) Sims Jar, Christine (Kevin)

Carvey, Pamela (Marty) Gordon and Sean Sims; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her significant other Archie McKay; sister, Chrystal (Bill) Evans; and her brother, Thomas (Denise) Russell.

Visitation was held on September 20, 2011 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, concluding with services by the Eagles Auxiliary. There will also be visitation and funeral services on Thursday at Temrowski Funeral Home in Warren, followed by interment at White Chapel Cemetery.

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Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at

noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or

salad bar served prior to the

meal Monday through

Thursday.

This week's menu

(lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Sept. 23 - Lunch - breaded cod, cole slaw, broccoli and pears. No dinner.

10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m.

Pantry Bingo and Pool.

Monday, Sept. 26 - Lunch

- Polish sausage, sauerkraut, corn and an orange. Dinner - baked chicken, oven roasted potatoes, stewed tomatoes and grapes. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 - Lunch

- Swedish meatballs with rice, Brussels sprouts and peaches. Dinner - beef stew, green beans, biscuit and mandarin oranges. 9:15 a.m. Beginning Clogging, 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 11 a.m. Zumba Gold

in a chair, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Foot Clinic, appointment required.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 -

Lunch - beef tips and noo-

dles, peas, cauliflower and

pears. Dinner - spaghetti

with meat sauce, wax beans, asparagus, garlic toast, plums and cookies. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool

league, Wii Bowling and COA board meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 29 -

Lunch - pork riblet sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, watermelon and carrot cake. Dinner - burrito, lettuce, tomato, corn, Mexican rice and peaches. 10 a.m. craft class and Pokeno, 1 p.m. UNO Attack and UnLucky 7's.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Sept. 29-Oct. 5 will be as follows:

Small Arms Ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrethe, Sept. 29-Oct. 1 and Oct. 3-5.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Grayling Moorestown Road/Cadillac Road and on the south by Carrier Road, Oct. 4-5.

The 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Sept. 29-30.

The 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Sept. 29-30.

This firing schedule is

subject to change without notice. Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Births

Selina and James Haight of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Holly Juanita, born at Mercy Hospital on September 12, 2011, at 10:38 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.



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VFW's Ladies Auxiliary donates school backpacks



The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post #3736 Grayling delivered 17 backpacks filled with school supplies to the Crawford AuSable Primary School as part of the VFW's Back Pack Mania program. This is the fourth year the VFW has participated in the program, said Darlina Welt, community services representative for the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post #3736 Grayling. Left, about a dozen Auxiliary members donated \$100 of their personal money to buy the backpacks and school supplies.

Photo courtesy of Darlina Welt

Bishop Baraga Days will help mark Diocese's 40th anniversary

The Diocese of Gaylord will host Baraga Days 2011 in conjunction with the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Gaylord.

Father Frederic Baraga was the first of many Slovenian missionaries to come to the United States to help build up the American Catholic Church. He eventually became the founding bishop of the Diocese of Marquette from 1853 until 1868.

The Diocese of Gaylord encompasses the 21 most northern counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Bishop Baraga's first missionary assignment was built along the shores of upper Lake Michigan.

Established from 1833-1835 it was called Arbre Croche and extended from present day Harbor Springs to Cross Village. Known as the "Snowshoe Priest" and a pioneer of the American Catholic Church, Bishop Baraga traveled throughout northern Lower Michigan, many miles of which were on snowshoes. His legacy is apparent across the 11,000 plus square miles that make up the Diocese of Gaylord.

On both Saturday and Sunday pilgrimage sites will be open. Sites will include: Beaver Island, Burt Lake, Cheboygan, Cross Village, Gaylord, Good Hart, Harbor Springs, Indian River, Peshawbestown and Petoskey.

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Baraga Days is an annual event that celebrates this man and is sponsored by The Bishop Baraga Association.

Headquartered in the Diocese of Marquette, the Bishop Baraga Association is dedicated to his memory and is the architect behind the annual Baraga Days celebration. Bishop Baraga's cause for sainthood is currently under review in Rome.

Traditionally Baraga Days consists of several components: a Mass celebrated in the Slovenian language with Slovenian music; a Mass celebrated in English; visiting places, pilgrimage sites, where Bishop Baraga lived or is celebrated; and a banquet.

The festivities for Baraga Days 2011 will officially start on Friday, September 23, at The National Shrine of the Cross in the Woods, Indian River. The evening will begin with a 7 p.m. Vespers service that will include a choral presentation, special readings for the occasion as well as a blessing of a portrait of Bishop Baraga, painted by local artist Jane Cardinal. The service will be followed by a dessert reception.

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There will be no charge for visiting any of the pilgrimage sites, or for the Friday Evening Vespers service. To

attend either the dinner in Harbor Springs or the Banquet in Petoskey on Sunday, purchase of a Baraga Button is required. The cost to attend both of these events is \$25 per person; if you attend only one event, the cost is \$15 per person.

For more information or to register for Baraga Day events, please call the

Diocese of Gaylord at (989) 732-5147 or visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofgaylord.org; click on the 40th Anniversary Events, then on Baraga Days. Registration forms are available to download, or you can register and pay online.

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Military planner assumes command at Camp Grayling

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University, Randall began his military career as an enlisted soldier 25th Infantry Division, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry. He was on the path to serve as a legal specialist, but fell in love with life out in the field serving with the infantry. His first assignment as an officer was with Company C, 3rd Battalion 126th Infantry for the Michigan National Guard.

In 1998, Randall was assigned to work as an officer in charge of funding a procurement for the Army National Guard. From there, he was transferred to Fort Benning, where he worked as the chief of officer education for the infantry school.

In 2002, Randall served in the Strategic Communication Branch at the Pentagon. He was then assigned to the U.S. Central Command, which is the war fighting headquarters for the Middle East, including wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

From 2003 to 2005, Randall worked hand-in-hand with people in the Middle East to support the global war on terror, helping develop the Iraqi National

Guard.

"I had an absolutely fantastic experience there as we tried to figure out how to train and establish what is now the Iraqi Army," Randall said.

After returning to the United States, Randall served as the chief of advertising and marketing for the National Guard Bureau, when troop numbers were dwindling.

"We were really hurting as an organization at that time and we were well below where we needed to be," Randall said. "It was a great growing experience and pretty fun."

Randall was then assigned to attend the U.S. Army War College to study strategic planning and international studies.

Upon completion of his studies, Randall was assigned as a strategic planner for the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding National Guard matters.

Ironically, Randall, and his wife Ronda, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August, purchased a home in Traverse City in January.

"It's amazing how things happen," Randall said. "Now, I get to live in my retirement home with my family and get to drive a few minutes to work every day."

The couple's youngest daughter, Hannah, is a junior at Traverse City Central.

"She's getting to know a whole group of new friends like any good Army brat does," Randall said.

Daughter Kayleigh, 18, is attending Michigan State University. Their oldest daughter, Amanda, 24, is studying to be a veterinary technician and is working at a veterinary clinic in Virginia.

Randall said he appreciates the value the National Guard serves the country as he assumes his new duties.

"These citizens soldiers have gone above and beyond what one would think of when I was growing up in the National Guard and the two weeks in the summer and one weekend each month," he said. "These soldiers are just amazing."

Currently, the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry and 3rd Squadron of the 126th Cavalry, for the Michigan National Guard are training at Camp Grayling before they will deployed to Afghanistan in January. Soldiers from the 119th Field Artillery Company will soon be joining them at the base.

This will be the third time the soldiers have been deployed over the last seven years.

"I can't say enough about how awesome these troops are," Randall said. "For me to get the opportunity to command Camp Grayling, a great installation, it's quite an honor to have this kind of opportunity to impact these brave men and women as they train to get ready to go overseas."

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Trust Fall Record and Coffee opens doors in downtown Grayling

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A business with a focus on coffee, records and live music has opened in downtown Grayling.

Trust Fall Records and Coffee, located at 117 Michigan Avenue, opened on Sept. 9. DXR Computers was formerly located in the building, which has been vacant for several years.

James Jones said the name of the business is a spoof on a character building excise that people do at weekend office retreats, where they lean back and trust that their colleagues will catch them before they fall.

"It's kind of a joke - we're falling backwards and trusting everybody that they will catch us," Jones said.

Jones said he bounced the name off a dozen friends, who gave it a favorable opinion.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Trust Fall Records and Coffee, located at 117 Michigan Avenue, opened on Sept. 9. Above, Trust Fall Records and Coffee owner James Jones is pictured with his right hand man, Aeden Woodman, who is his stepson.

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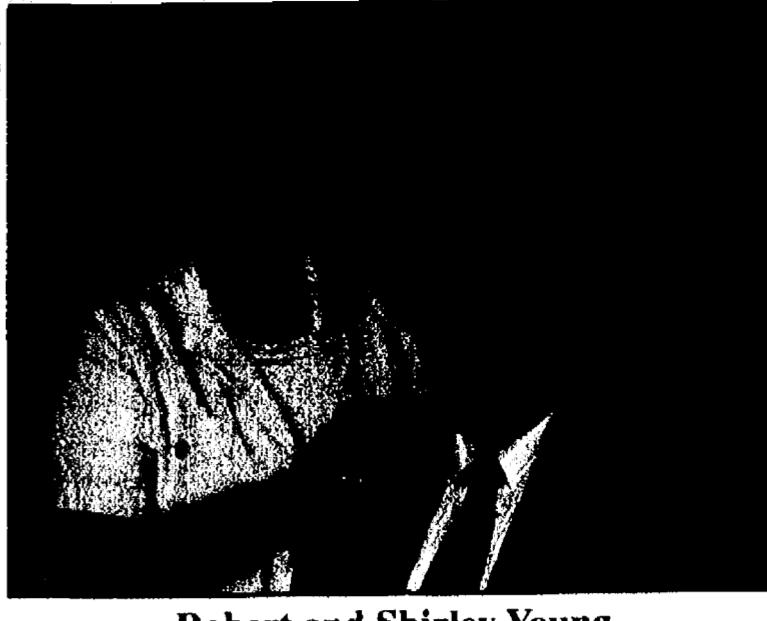
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50th Anniversary



Robert and Shirley Young

Robert and Shirley Young of Grayling, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Boston and the East Coast during the color season this fall.

They were married on September 23, 1961.

They have three married children and eight grandchildren. Mary Jo and Howard Ring with daughters, Ashley and Courtney of Northville; Barb and Gary Konuszewski with children: Garrett, Spencer, Mackenzie and Hunter of

Flushing; and Gary and Amy Young with sons, Connor and Harrison of Alpharetta, Ga.

Bob served in the State Legislature as both a State Representative and State Senator for 12 years, retiring in 1982.

He later served as the Executive Vice President of the Michigan Sugar Beet Growers Association. He retired from that position in 1996.

Shirley retired that same year from the United Saginaw Credit Union.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 82 complaints the week of Sept. 12 - Sept. 18.

One natural death, one missing persons, 23 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minors, two false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct first-degree-penetration, one criminal sexual conduct fourth-degree-forceable contact, two assault and batteries/simple assaults, one larceny-pocketing picking, four larcenies, one unauthorized use-vehicle, one fraud, one illegal use of credit card, one fraud-impersonation, two damage

to property complaints, one obstructing court order, one disorderly conduct, three disturbing the peace complaints, one operating while intoxicated, two health and safety complaints, two health and safety violations, one animals-out of season-over limit, six miscellaneous arrests, four traffic accidents, two traffic violations-civil infractions, two inspection-motor vehicle, seven investigations-family trouble and seven suspicious situations

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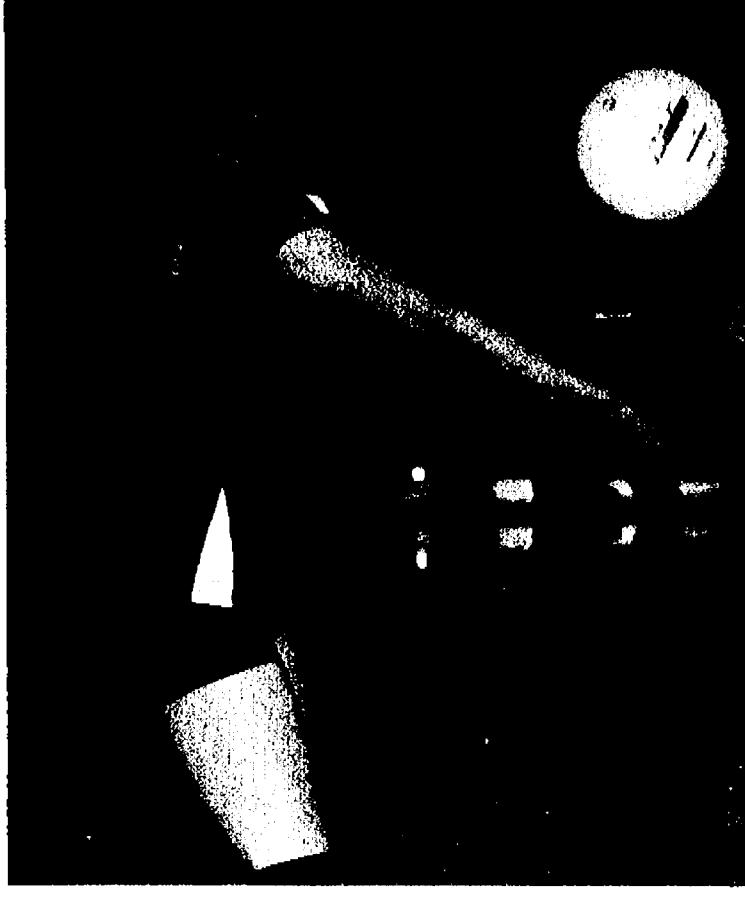
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Shanley Dorn hits the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday.



Rachel Cooper hits the ball during last week's varsity series vs. Harbor Springs.



Madi Junntila serves for GHS vs. the Rams on Tuesday.



Josie Swander serves for the varsity team vs. the Rams.

Volleyball team sweeps Harbor Springs, Kalkaska

Vikings off to 2-0 start in conference play

Grayling High School's varsity volleyball team swept the Harbor Springs Rams and the Kalkaska Blazers in conference meets last week to start its league slate with a 2-0 record.

First, Harbor Springs. The Vikings hosted the Rams on Tuesday night. Before the varsity best-of-five series, Grayling won both the freshman (25-15, 25-22, 9-15) and the junior varsity (14-25, 25-20, 15-13) matches.

In the first varsity game Grayling started strong, jumping out to a 12-4 lead. Harbor Springs battled back, cutting Grayling's advantage to three, 16-13. The Vikings outscored the Rams 9-3 during the remainder of the contest and won 25-16.

Game two was close; Grayling edged Harbor Springs 25-20 to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

The Vikings got off to another solid start in game three – they led 7-0 early –

and won 25-8, clinching the series.

"It was a great set of games," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said. "The kids were nervous, being their first game at home, but they pulled it together, stayed focused, and played hard."

Josie Swander had 32 assists, nine kills, and seven aces. Elaine DesEnfants had three digs and serve received at 83 percent. Rachel Cooper had three digs and 14 kills.

"Stanna (Dorn) and Shanley Dorn played great defense and were quick across the floor. I have to recognize Josie Swander. She played an excellent game and controlled the floor all night through her setting and defense," Coach Szymoniak said.

"We are very excited to get the season rolling for us. Starting 1-0 in the conference is a great feeling," Coach Szymoniak said.

On Thursday, they improved their league

record to 2-0 with a sweep at Kalkaska. Grayling won 25-20, 25-16, 25-22.

"Kalkaska played great defense and we struggled to take any big lead. Our passing was off and everywhere we hit there seemed to be a Blazer. We did not hit our goal of 90 percent, but the kids never let up and kept plugging away in hitting," Coach Szymoniak said. "Everyone contributed offensively. Some of the younger kids stepped up tonight – like Sarah Goodyear, Stanna Dorn, and Madi Junntila – when the game was on the line."

Cooper had seven aces, seven digs, and 18 kills. Swander led the team with 36 assists. Goodyear had six digs and six kills. Cierra Prosser had six kills and Stanna Dorn also added five kills.

Grayling (8-1-2 overall, 2-0 league) will host Boyne City, another conference opponent, on Thursday, Sept. 22.



Elaine DesEnfants fields a Harbor Springs serve on Tuesday.



Laura Simpson hits the ball for Grayling's JV team.

JV, freshman volleyball squads win vs. Rams

Grayling High School's freshman and junior varsity volleyball squads both posted series victories vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams on Tuesday night.

The freshman squad won 25-15 in the first game of the best-of-three match. Grayling won 25-22 in game two to clinch the series. Harbor Springs won 15-9 in game three. The Vikings won the series 2-1.

Grayling's JV team lost the first game of its series vs. Harbor Springs; the Rams won it

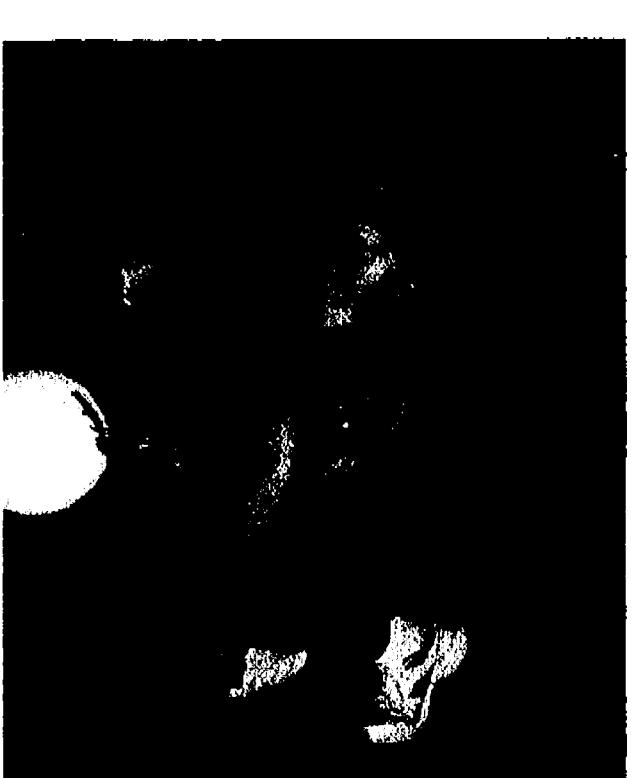
25-14 for a 1-0 match advantage. The Vikings battled back and won 25-20 in game two to force a decisive game three. Grayling edged Harbor Springs 15-13 in the rubber match to win the series 2-1.

After the JV and freshman teams finished, Grayling's varsity team also won its series vs. Harbor Springs. The Vikings swept the Rams 25-16, 25-20, 25-8.

The volleyball teams will host Boyne City at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22.



Peri Scheer hits the ball for Grayling's JV team.



Kayla Forrester keeps the ball alive for the freshman squad.



Emily Dorn serves for the freshman volleyball squad.

Makayla Cragg hits the ball for the JV squad vs. Harbor Springs.



Morgana Lessa of the freshman team hits the ball from the front row.

Photos by Caleb Casey

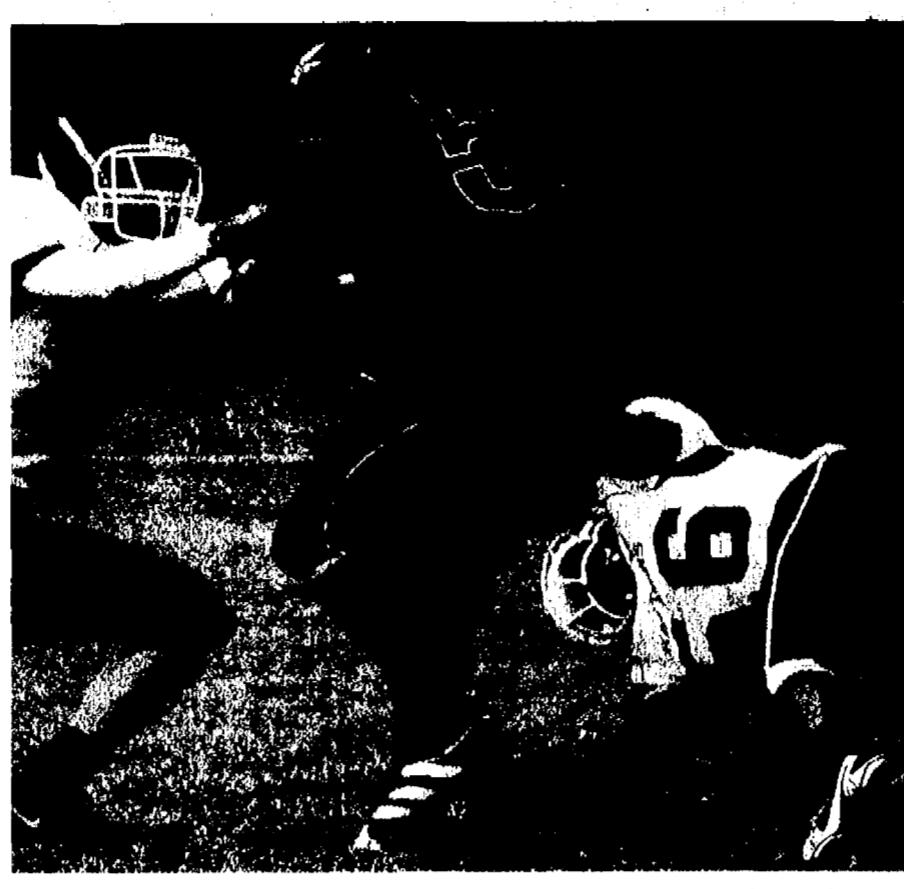
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Grayling cheerleaders perform in front of the student section during Friday's home game.



Ryan Randall carries the ball for Grayling on a kickoff return vs. Charlevoix.



Joey Latusek, carrying an American flag, leads the Vikings into the stadium on Friday.

Photos by Caleb Casey

Vikings overcome 1st half mistakes, win 48-33

Grayling outscoring Charlevoix 28-6 in 2nd half, moves to 4-0

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

It wasn't pretty - the two teams combined for 11 turnovers and 19 penalties - but the Grayling Vikings battled back from an early deficit with a 28-6 second half effort, defeating the visiting Charlevoix Rayders 48-33 during last Friday's varsity football game (a league contest).

Grayling turned the ball over on each of its first four possessions of the game, losing three fumbles and throwing one interception. Charlevoix converted two of the turnovers into touchdowns but the Rayders also turned the ball over twice - Camren Wilson and Thomas Burrell recovered Charlevoix fumbles for the Vikings - on their first four series on offense.

Grayling started at its 45-yard line after the fumble recovery by Burrell. The Vikings trailed 13-0 with 58 seconds left in the first period at that point.

Quarterback Zane Tobin threw to Scott Parkinson for 13 yards on first down. Tobin completed a pass to Devon Dawson for 17 yards on the next play. Joey Schwartz rushed for 16 yards on 1st and 10. On 3rd and goal, Tobin threw to Parkinson in the end zone for a TD. Kevin Harris kicked the extra point. Charlevoix led 13-7.

The Rayders recovered Grayling's on-side kick and started at the 50. Charlevoix reached the end zone in five plays, one of which included a 15-yard pass interference penalty on Grayling, and ended the possession with an 18-yard TD pass. Grayling stopped the two-point conversion attempt. Charlevoix led 19-7 with 10:28 left in the half.

Ryan Randall returned Charlevoix's squib kick to mid-field. Tobin threw to Parkinson for 11 yards. Three plays later, on 4th and 5, Tobin completed a pass to Tyler McClanahan for a 15-yard gain. Tobin threw to Parkinson for another 11-yard pick-up. A penalty for offensive pass interference moved the Vikings back. On 2nd and 21, Tobin threw to Riley Zigila for a 25-yard TD. Harris kicked the extra point. The Rayders led 19-14.

Grayling tried another on-side kick and Curtis Wilson recovered it for the Vikings. The Vikings started 41 yards from the goal line. The series eventually ended with an incomplete pass on 4th and 7.

Parkinson intercepted a Charlevoix pass attempt on 2nd and 3. The resulting series ended with an incomplete pass on 4th and 3.

The Rayders punted on 4th and 28. Charlevoix got the ball back with an inter-

Lake Michigan Conference

Team, League Record, Overall Record
Grayling 2-0 (4-0)
Kalkaska 2-0 (3-1)
St. Francis 2-0 (3-1)
Boyne City 1-1 (2-2)
Charlevoix 1-1 (1-3)
East Jordan 0-2 (0-4)
Elk Rapids 0-2 (0-4)
Harbor Springs 0-2 (0-4)

Last week's scores:
Grayling 48, Charlevoix 23
Boyne City 19, Harbor Springs 20
East Jordan 20, St. Francis 35
Elk Rapids 20, Kalkaska 24

ception - Grayling's fifth turnover of the first half - on 2nd and 10.

On 3rd and 5, Zigila intercepted a deep pass thrown by Charlevoix.

Grayling started at its 18-yard line. Ty Jensen ran for 11 yards on second down. Tobin threw deep to Dawson, who caught the ball in stride and went the distance for a 70-yard TD, giving Grayling its first lead of the night, 20-19.

The advantage didn't last long. Charlevoix fielded Grayling's on-side kick attempt and returned it for a touchdown. The Rayders ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion. Charlevoix led 27-20 with 52 seconds left in the first half.

Grayling trailed by seven at halftime.

Charlevoix punted on 4th and 16 and Grayling started at its 30-yard line. Tobin threw to Parkinson for 10 yards on 2nd and 8. Schwartz rushed for 13 yards on the next play. Tobin

threw to Dawson for nine yards. Grayling went for it on 4th and inches and came up short. Charlevoix took over at its 25-yard line.

On the second play of the series the Rayders fumbled and Griffin Dean recovered the ball for Grayling.

The Vikings started 49 yards from the end zone. Grayling switched to a run-heavy strategy, snapping the ball to a running back and using multiple ball carriers to rush the ball effectively the rest of the night.

Jensen ran for eight yards. On 4th and 3, Zigila rushed for 21 yards. Schwartz ran for 10 yards on the next play. On 1st and 10 at the 11-yard line Zigila ran for a Grayling TD. The Vikings missed the extra point kick.

Charlevoix led 27-26 with 5:17 left in the third quarter.

The Rayders punted on 4th and 6 from deep in their own end of the field. Grayling took over 40 yards from the goal line, and they struck quickly. Zigila scored on a 35-yard run on 2nd and 5. Tobin passed to Dawson for the two-point conversion, giving GHS a 34-27 advantage with 2:40 left in the third period.

Charlevoix punted on 4th and 7, putting Grayling at its 15-yard line. The series ended with a fumble at mid-field.

The Rayders drove 40 yards on seven plays during a penalty-filled series - there were four flags, three on Charlevoix - and finished the drive with a 30-

yard TD run on 3rd and 1. Charlevoix, trailing 34-33, opted to go for two; Dean got to the QB and batted down Charlevoix's pass attempt to force an incompleteness.

Grayling led 34-33 with 8:35 left in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings ran it eight times, driving 63 yards for a TD. Zigila finished the series with a four-yard run on 1st and goal. Grayling tried for two points on the conversion and failed. The Vikings led by seven, 40-33, with 4:51 remaining in regulation.

Grayling kicked it deep and Charlevoix fielded the ball near the goal line. A penalty (illegal block) on the return put the Rayders at their 4-yard line. Dean sacked the Charlevoix QB in the end zone for a safety (two points and possession) on first down. The Vikings led 42-33 with 4:39 left in the contest.

Grayling started at its 45-yard line after the safety punt-kick. Carries by Zigila, Schwartz, and Jensen, plus a face mask penalty on Charlevoix, covered 55 yards; Jensen finished the drive with a 12-yard TD run. Grayling led 48-33 with just under three minutes remaining.

Charlevoix started at its 15-yard line. Randall and Joey Latusek had QB sacks for Grayling during the series - the final one of the game.

The Vikings won 48-33.

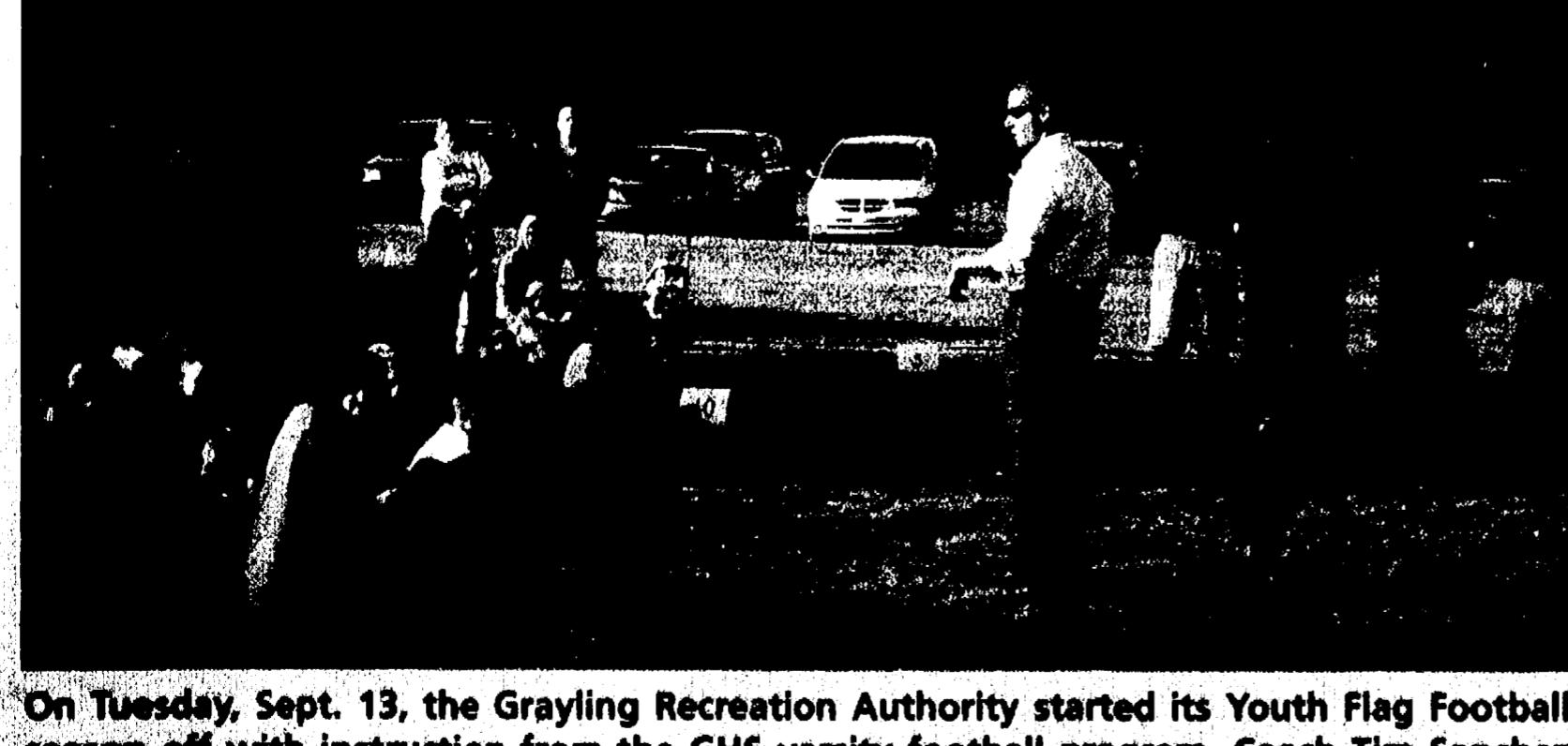
The teams finished with 11 total turnovers (six for Grayling, five for Charlevoix). The squads combined for 19 penalties, 11 of which were called on Charlevoix, including three for unsportsmanlike conduct and three personal fouls. Grayling's penalties included three personal fouls, three off-sides, and two for pass interference.

Final numbers for Grayling, according to the team: (offense) Tobin, 17 for 34, 249 passing yards, three TDs, two interceptions; Dawson, six catches, 132 yards, one TD; Parkinson, six catches, 65 yards, one TD; Zigila, 11 carries, 120 rushing yards, three TDs, three catches, 28 receiving yards, one TD; Schwartz, 14 carries, 83 yards; Jensen, 13 carries, 68 yards, one TD; (defense) Randall, 11 tackles, one sack; Zigila, 10 tackles, one interception.

"We were extremely proud of how our guys overcame a lot of adversity tonight. It seemed as though nothing could go right at the beginning, but the will to win is strong with this group of players. They came out in the second half with a renewed determination and physically dominated Charlevoix by running the ball right at them," Coach Tim Sanchez said.

Grayling (4-0 overall, 2-0 league) will play at East Jordan (0-4 overall, 0-2 league) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23.

GRA Flag Football



On Tuesday, Sept. 13, the Grayling Recreation Authority started its Youth Flag Football season off with instruction from the GHS varsity football program. Coach Tim Sanchez volunteered his time, along with a handful of varsity team players, to help demonstrate proper techniques in snapping the football, blocking on the line, handing off a football, and the correct way to catch a pass. The Youth Flag Football program instituted a few changes this year with easy to follow color playbooks and wrist bands to help players learn their formations. "This system is a simple tool for our volunteer coaches to help our players stay involved and contribute in every play even if they aren't thrown the ball every time," said Jeremy Bereset, GRA Programs Director.

Photo courtesy of Jeremy Bereset, GRA

JV football team wins 50-6 at Charlevoix

Vikings off to 4-0 start

The GHS junior varsity football team improved its season record to 4-0 with a 50-6 victory at Charlevoix on Thursday night.

The Vikings finished the contest with 383 yards of offense (229 passing, 156 rushing) and their defense held Charlevoix to 147 yards of offense.

Quarterback Jake Swander threw for 229 yards and five TDs. Michael Branch carried the ball 16 times for 100 yards and one TD; he also had five catches for 29 yards and one receiving TD. Scout Tobin had 65 rushing yards on eight carries. Geoff Wilson had three catches for 65 yards, including a touchdown. Peyton Zigila had three receptions for 68 yards and one TD. Brandon Latusek caught six passes for 52 yards and one TD.

Leading tacklers on defense: Jeff Myers, 14; William Romain, 7; Branch, 6; Tobin, 5.

"The offensive line dominated the game, blocking a season high 88 percent. The game was much closer than the score would suggest. Despite 11 penalties - nine in the first half - we seemed to make big plays after big plays," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

The JV team (4-0 overall, 2-0 league) will host East Jordan at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22.

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Soccer team wins one, loses one

Grayling High School's varsity boys soccer team won one game and lost one game in league matches played last Monday and Thursday, finishing the week with a 3-1 conference record.

On Monday Grayling hosted the Elk Rapids Elks. The Elks led 3-0 at halftime, and they added six more goals in the second half to win by a final score of 9-1. Trevor Dewitt scored Grayling's only goal. It was Grayling's first loss in league play after wins vs. Kalkaska (7-1) and Harbor Springs (5-3) in previous weeks.

The Vikings won 7-0 in a Lake Michigan Conference game at Charlevoix on Thursday night. The victory improved Grayling's league record to 3-1.

Grayling (3-6 overall, 3-1



Photos by Caleb Casey

Evan Korneli, left, controls the ball for the Vikings vs. Elk Rapids. Goalie Kacper Wojeik, right, catches an Elk Rapids shot on Monday.

conference) will host Wednesday, Sept. 21. The Springs at 5 p.m. on Kalkaska at 5 p.m. on Vikings will host Harbor Monday, Sept. 26.

Bowling Leagues

Pioneer League

T.C. Lawncare.....4 - 0
Pink Ladies.....3 - 1
Legion.....3 - 1
Tim's Collision.....1 - 3
5 B's.....1 - 3
Ole Dam.....0 - 4
Bosco Babes.....0 - 4
High Series: C. Seymour, 533; J. Coors, 512; S. Johnson, 499. High Game: J. Johnson, 195; J. Coors and C. Clark, 192.

Senior League

Dana Transport.....7 - 1
Sylvester's Sports.....6 - 2
Spike's.....5 - 3
Gaylord Electric.....4 - 4
Bear's Den Pizza.....4 - 4
Legion Lanes.....3 - 5
Lone Pine.....3 - 5
Flowers By Josie.....2 - 6
High Series Women: M. Ryss, 448; P. Kennedy, 434; H. Stairs, 429. High Game Women: M. Ryss, 182; H. Stairs, 173; P. Kennedy, 170. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 526; K. Harris, 509; O. Brantley, 492. High Game Men: J. Campbell, 224; K. Harris, 223; M. Brown, 197.

High Game Women: H. Stairs, 198; B. Shippy, 167; R. Brown, 161. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 571; E. Brosky, 489; J. Campbell, 480. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 202; J. Campbell, 201; E. Brosky, 192.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Dodi's Karaoke.....12 - 2
American Legion.....10 - 4
Double Trouble.....9 - 5
L & L Hauling.....7 - 7



G & B Rentals.....6 - 8
Don Nester.....5 - 9
AJD.....4 - 10
Rye Collision.....3 - 11
High Series Women: T. Benardo, 433; D. Hollis, 431; P. Younglove, 430. High Game Women: D. Hollis, 184; K. Moshier, 167. High Series Men: P. Lewis, 547; S. Green, 527; P. Benardo, 502. High Game Men: P. Benardo, 224; P. Lewis, 222; S. Green, 190.

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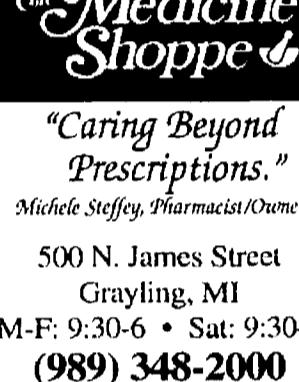
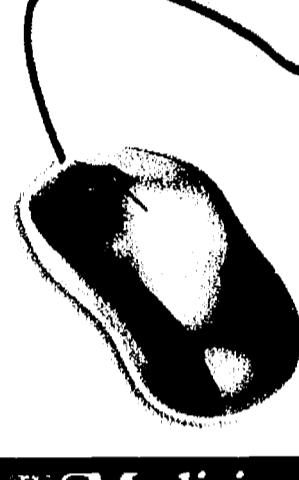
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Girls golf squad wins 3-team meet at Glen Lake

The GHS varsity girls golf team finished first in a three-team nine-hole meet at Mistwood Golf Course in Glen Lake on Thursday.

Grayling posted a final team score of 208. Traverse City St. Francis scored a 225 and Glen Lake finished at 252.

Individual scores for Grayling: (varsity) #1 Heather Ruddy, 51; #2 Whitney Schans, 53; #3 Angie Rouston, 50; #4 Natalie Woodley, 58; #5 Elle Smith, 61; #6 Logan Miller, 54; (junior varsity) Kaitlin Adamski, 60; Carly Dunckley, 64; Sofia Garcia Hernandez, 68.

"On a very cold, rainy, and windy evening our girls did a great job maintaining their composure. It was nice to see everyone play so consistently through the miserable weather conditions," Coach Scott Baker said.

"After being beat by (Traverse City St. Francis) a week earlier at the Petoskey tournament, it was awesome to have the girls golf well against them this time around. We look forward to facing these girls at our regional meet."

On Tuesday, the Vikings finished fourth in an eight-team meet - the Alpena Invitational.

Team scores included: 1st, Traverse City Central, 361; 2nd, Traverse City West and Alpena (tie), 386; 4th, Grayling, 393; 5th, Cheboygan, 396; 6th, Petoskey, 412; 7th, Harbor Springs, 429; 8th, Gaylord St. Mary, 441.

Individual scores for GHS: (varsity) #1 Ruddy, 88; #2 Schans, 97; #3 Rouston, 104; #4 Woodley, 108; #5 Smith, 138; #6 Miller, 104; (junior varsity) Adamski, 125; Dunckley, 151; Garcia Hernandez, 143.

"Taking fourth place at this tournament is a great accomplishment for our team. Heather Ruddy's 88 and Logan Miller's 104 were both career lows. These two young ladies are making great strides each week and their scores are starting to reflect this, both continually golfing career lows each time out," Coach Baker said. "The rest of our team is golfing very solid right now as well and this type of consistency has been our primary focus the past couple of weeks."

"I couldn't be any more proud of every single girl on our team. Every one of them is going out and competing at the highest level week in and week out and I'm expecting all of their hard work to pay off in a couple of weeks at our regional meet," Coach Baker said.

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 19, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Pinecrest Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 1, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: September 15, 2011

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-15-22-29-6

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 12, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 660 feet of the East 330 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: September 8, 2011

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



September 23, 1965 - Above are the five persons honored by the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce at the annual dinner. From the left are Wayne Clark of Lansing, for his help in public relations; Lewis Stillwagon, for his untiring efforts in behalf of winter sports; Lora Gould, for her campaigns to beautify Grayling; Eric Post, for his many years of service in the canoe race plus many other civic enterprises; Howard Day, for his work with youth.

23 Years Ago

September 22, 1988

The Grayling Township Board has approved a rezoning request for Eugene Kraus, owner of Riverbend Estates, previously known as the Rayburn Estate. A recommendation for rezoning submitted to the Grayling Township Board at their Sept. 13 meeting was made by the Grayling Township Planning Commission. Kraus petitioned the township on Aug. 10 to rezone the former Rayburn Estate from Deferred Development (DD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD).

During the summer of '88 in northern Michigan, the heat wasn't a funny subject to many folks. The National Weather Service in Houghton Lake reported 1988 was the second hottest summer for this area in the last 50 years. From May 22 - Aug. 18 this year, 50 out of 89 days had temperatures hitting 85 or higher. The hottest stretch in 1988 was July 3 - 9 when temperatures in Grayling hit 92, 96, 99, 101, 100, 103 and 99 before rain finally came.

Two Grayling residents help police catch a breaking and entering suspect after

they woke up and spotted a man crawling across their bedroom floor. They fled their home located just outside of the Grayling city limits and called police from a neighbor's house. Sheriff deputies and Grayling City Police arrived about 1 a.m. and found a suspect hiding a short distance from the home. Police also found several hundred dollars worth of property outside the house gathered by the robber. A local man was arraigned in the 83rd District Court on breaking and entering charges in connection with this case.

46 Years Ago September 23, 1965

A complete modernization and expansion program for the Grayling Ben Franklin Variety Store, was announced by Emil Kraus, owner. The work will begin immediately and will be completed about Nov. 1.

Mrs. Ray Slusser is the new cook-manager of the School Lunch Program. Her assistants are Mrs. Norman Feldhauser and Mrs. Alfred Hoffman.

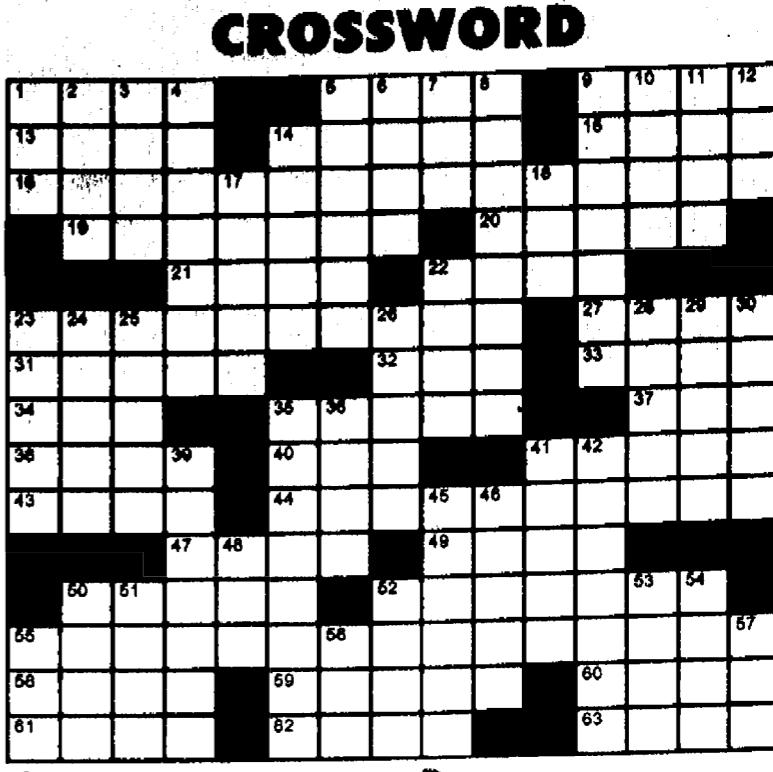
69 Years Ago September 24, 1942

Miss Helen Brady resigned her position at the Mac and Gidley Drug Store and left for Detroit where she expects to be employed.

The new staff which has been working on the Avalanche now for the past two weeks include Mrs. Laura Parker, Mrs. Alfred Hanson, linotype operator and Miss Joyce Heath, reporter. Since Ed Mayotte left for the city, they have been doing their best with the efficient help of Mr. Schumann and Mrs. Laurant and Miss Lillian Jordan to get the paper out on time.

92 Years Ago September 25, 1919

Arthur Karpus left for Ann Arbor to continue his studies at U of M.



Across

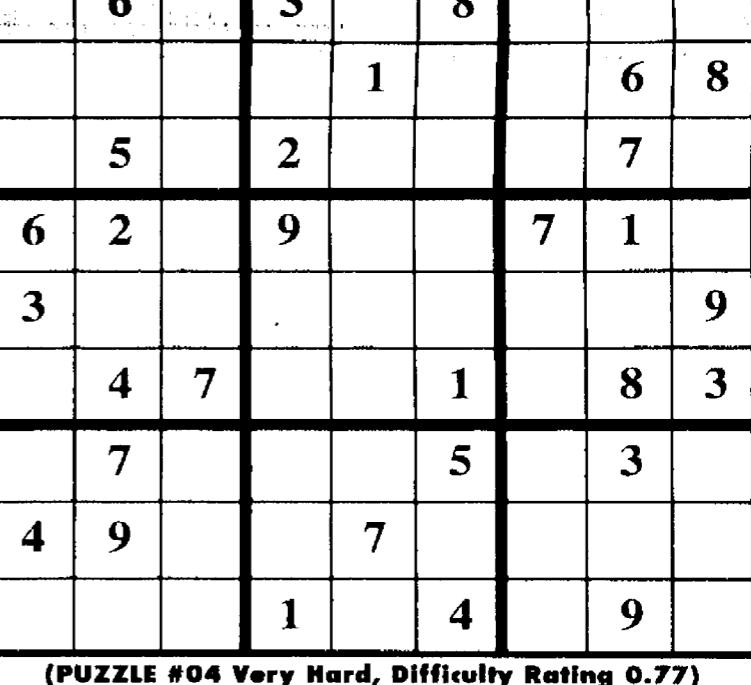
1. Thanksgiving dish
5. Campus military org.
9. Speed
13. "Don't bet ___!" (2 wd)
14. Calyx part
15. "God's Little ___"
16. Indisposed (3 wd)
19. Idiot
20. The real ___
21. Denials
22. Homebuilder's strip
23. Sneeze response
27. "Desire Under the ___"
31. Cartoon art
32. Schuss, e.g.
33. Dirty
34. Calif. airport (acronym)
35. Beasts of burden
37. ___ cross
38. "Hamlet" has five ___
40. ___ constructor
41. Football's ___ Bowl
43. Eye affliction
44. Wall alcoves where light enters (2 wd)
47. At no time, poetically
49. Bit
50. Solicits money while performing music
52. On fire
55. Mugshots (2 wd)
58. Pepsi, e.g.
59. Representative
60. Bad marks
61. Any group derived from a simple aromatic ring
62. Erupt
63. ___ we forget!

Down

1. ___ rang?"
2. ___ and the King of Siam"
3. Calf-length skirt
4. Chest protector
5. Discuss again
6. Kind of column
7. Spotted, to Tweety
8. Ornamental climbing plants
9. Tennis ___ (pl.)
10. Bounce back, in a way
11. Deuce topper
12. "___ Town Too" (1981 hit)
14. Charger
17. French wine region
18. Appear
22. Go for
23. Balls
24. Legislate
25. A mile a minute
26. English exam finale, often
28. Kind of ticket
29. Cat's cry
30. Disparaging remarks
35. Convent superiors
36. Fly high
39. Voluptuous
41. Fairy tale figure
42. Fleet's commander
45. Roll about in mud
46. "Enchanted April" setting
48. Barely get, with "out"
50. Crude dude
51. Hideous
52. Preferred above others
53. "Good going!"
54. Patrilineal clan
55. ___ Victor (acronym)
56. Former measure of U.S. economy (acronym)
57. Undertake, with "out"

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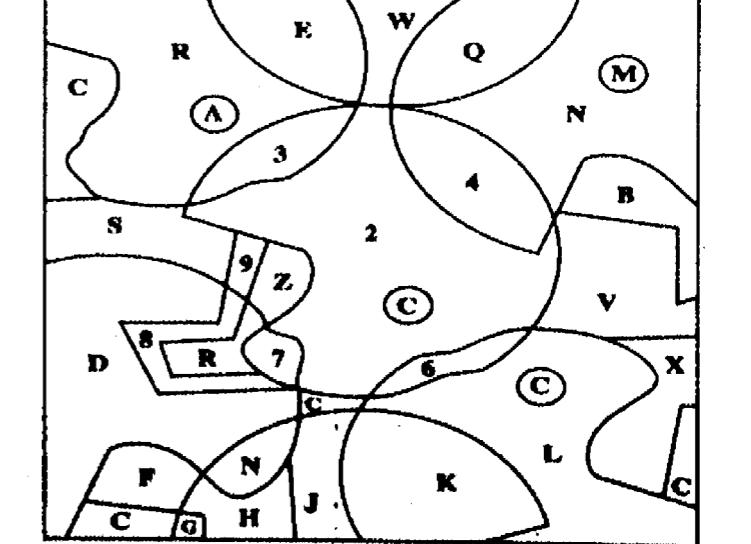
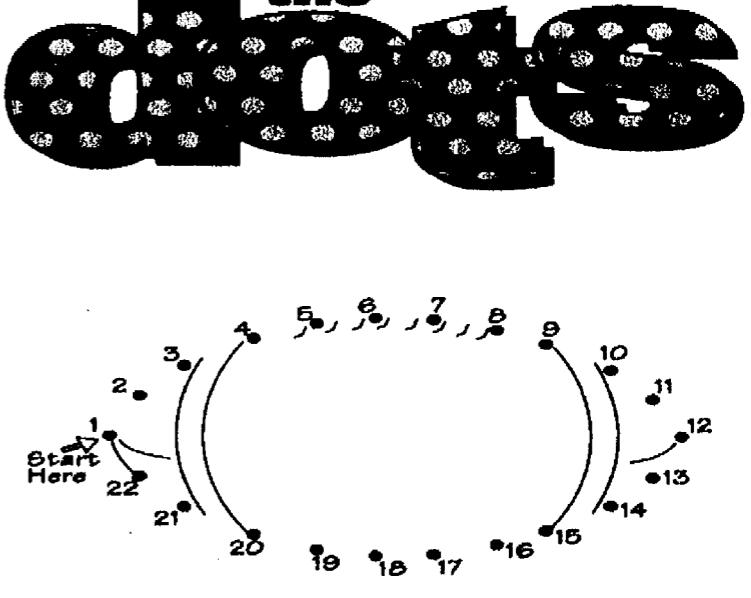


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Twenty

Twenty is a wonderful 1 year old Hound dog. He has a winning personality and just loves people. This tall, lanky guy does really well with other dogs but I am not sure how he feels about cats. Twenty has been neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped. He is all ready for a loving new home.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



EASY LAYERED ITALIAN MEATLOAF

Ingredients:

1 pkg. (6 oz.) Stuffing Mix for Chicken
1 jar (24 oz.) spaghetti sauce, divided
2 tsp. dried oregano leaves, divided
1-1/2 lb. extra-lean ground beef

2 cups chopped zucchini
2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
3/4 cup Shredded Low-Moisture Part-Skim Mozzarella Cheese

Directions:

HEAT oven to 375°F.

MIX stuffing mix with half each of the spaghetti sauce and oregano. Add meat; mix well. Pat into 13x9-inch baking dish.

MIX vegetables and remaining spaghetti sauce and oregano. Spoon over meat mixture; cover.

BAKE 25 min. Top with cheese. Bake, uncovered, 10 min. or until meatloaf is done (160°F).

Prep Time: 10 mins.
Total Time: 1 hour
Yield: 12 servings

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY AUCTION: 03421 Hill View, Boyne Falls, 4bd/3ba, 1288sf. Selling Wed., Sept. 28, at 4 p.m. from the Days Inn Grayling. For local info call Mike Stark, Stark Realty, 231-536-7700, call Hudson & Marshall at 866-826-1670 or go to BidNowMichigan.com. In conjunction with Steven L. Reeser, broker 6504140790. (-22/1)

FOR SALE on Land Contract or 1 yr. lease Reduced to \$234,900. 3 large bedrooms, 3 baths, 2.5 car attached garage, den, spacious kitchen, large Great Room with fireplace. Deeded access to Lake Margrethe. Lake view, natural wooded setting on county paved road, 3 miles west of Grayling; \$1,100 per month for 1 year lease. Option to Purchase available. Security deposit required on lease. Available October 1st, 2011 or sooner. Call owner for details. Furniture not included. 989-390-0793 or 989-391-5118. References, and or credit check required for lease. (-15-22/1)

NICE 3 - 4 BEDROOM ranch on a beautiful 20 acres. Property also includes a guest house/rental. Go to www.graylinghouseforsale.webs.com for more details or call 989-344-8046. (LR9/29/11/1)

WANTED SMALL TRACT of land on Au Sable for trailer. Contact Fred Dunlap 214-769-4234. (-15-22-29-6-13/1)

139' BLACK RIVER FRONTAGE Alcona County. 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage, 2 decks, surveyed, many updates. Trout, salmon, walleye runs. Lake Huron boat ramp 1 1/2 blocks away. Contact 989-348-7355, \$89,000. (LR9/29/11/1)

SHARP 3 BEDROOM HOME located at 6315 Old Lake Rd., Grayling. 1 1/2 bath, newer roof, well, water heater and paint. Land contract terms \$51,000. Call owner at 989-742-4371 or 989-390-4611. (-22-29-6-13/1)

FOR SALE BY AUCTION: 100 Village Place Dr. 4, Roscommon, 2bd/2ba, 1271sf. Selling Wed., Sept. 28t, at 4 p.m. from the Days Inn Grayling. Call Hudson & Marshall at 866-826-1670 or go to BidNowMichigan.com. In conjunction with Steven L. Reeser, broker 6504140790. (-22/1)

Recently Foreclosed, Special Financing Available, Any Credit, Any Income
3BD, 1 BTH, 840 SqFT, located at, 600 Madsen St., Grayling, \$17,500. Visit: www.roselandco.com/9CY Drive by then call (866)924-8348

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE - Rustic hunting cabin on 2 wooded acres across from state land, 8 miles west of Frederic, MI. Needs some TLC but priced accordingly at \$9,500. Call 826-8484. (-15-22-29-6/1)

FOR SALE BY AUCTION: 6140 Crystal, Johannesburg, 5bd/2ba, 2184sf. Cash buyer only. Selling Wed., Sept. 28 at 4 p.m. from the Days Inn Grayling. For local info call Linda Dean, Real Estate One, 231-676-5171, call Hudson & Marshall at 866-826-1670 or go to BidNowMichigan.com. In conjunction with Steven L. Reeser, broker 6504140790. (-22/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/11/12/1)

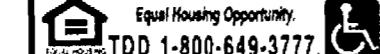
FOR SALE BY AUCTION: 65 W. Beech Street, Spruce, 2bd/1.5ba, 1086sf. Selling Wed., Sept. 28, at 4 p.m. from the Days Inn Grayling. For local info call Frank Janca, Janca & Associates, 989-892-2828 ext: 13, call Hudson & Marshall at 866-826-1670 or go to BidNowMichigan.com. In conjunction with Steven L. Reeser, broker 6504140790. (-22/1)

2. For Rent

3 BEDROOM HOUSE, one bathroom, remodeled, entire fresh paint, detached garage, nice privacy at Karen Woods sub division, 6342 Atkinson Rd. No pets, no smoking in house. \$600 plus utilities, minimum one year lease, \$600 deposit. Need references. Phone 989-348-9612. (-22/2)

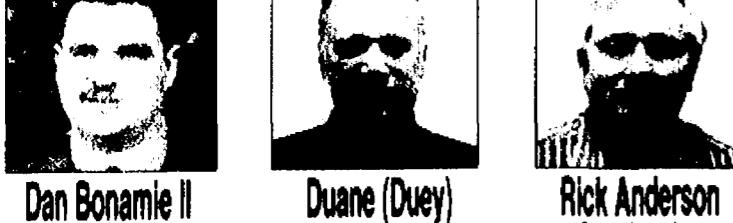
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1. For Rent

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3. Employment

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3. Employment



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3. Employment

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NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION

Grayling Charter Township is looking for a person to fill a part-time clerical position 15-20 hrs. a week.

Applicant must work with the public and work in many different areas of the Grayling Charter Township offices. A qualified person would be knowledgeable in computers, elections, assessing and bookkeeping or be willing to be trained in all areas.

Please send resume to Grayling Charter Township, PO Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738 or drop off at the Township office at 2990 Viking Way.

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8. Announcements

BIDS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is issuing a Request for Proposal for a Snow Removal Services at the civilian airport terminal located at 5670 Blue Sky Drive in Grayling. The proposal will be for a single season. Detailed specifications regarding expectations may be obtained through the Crawford County Administrators Office located at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, (989) 344 - 3202. Proposals must be completed and received by noon on Friday, October 7, 2011 in the Crawford County Administrator's office. Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received in whole or in part. EOE

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE SNOWPLOWING BIDS

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP will receive sealed bids for snowplowing of the Township Hall, Fire Hall and Transfer Stations for the 2011-2012 season until 3:00 PM, Tues., Oct. 11, 2011 at the Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, 49738. **Evidence of insurance must accompany all bids.** Snowplowing specifications can be obtained at the Township Hall, 9 AM-3 PM, Tues.-Thurs.

Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Township Board, Tues., Oct. 11, 2011. The Township Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to other than low bidders, and, in general, to make the award in any manner deemed by it to be in the best interest of Lovells Township.

Cynthia Infante
Lovells Township Clerk
(989) 348-9215

Crawford County Commission on Aging Volunteer Opportunities

Meals on Wheels Driver - Opportunities currently exist for drivers who can deliver meals to homebound seniors on Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:30am - 12:30pm. You pick the day. Reimbursement for mileage is paid. Criminal background check required.

Medical Transporters - Opportunities currently exist for drivers willing to transport a senior from their home to their doctor or therapy appointment. Drivers will be reimbursed for their gas by the senior. Criminal background check required.

Handy Maintenance Person - Small odds and ends fix it jobs around the Grayling Senior Center need attention. These jobs could be done anytime during the week, so the hours are flexible and only as needed.

Lifting & Hauling - Many times throughout the year we are in need of persons who can lift and haul heavy objects like furniture, medical equipment, rummage sale items etc. Strong back and a truck for hauling is required.

If interested, please contact Helen Nolan, Activities & Volunteer Coordinator at (989) 348-7123.

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6. Wanted

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8. Announcements

CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

Spaghetti Dinner at Fox Run Country Club, Thursday, Sept. 29 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. to benefit Crawford County United Way. Buffet-style meal, great local entertainment, silent auction. Cost: \$10 per person/\$8 with 3 canned goods or \$25 per family of four/\$20 with 3 canned goods. Pay at the door. All canned goods to the Christian Help Center. Please join us! Live United! (-22-29/8)

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HEALTHY HOME EVENT
Monday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m., Day's Inn of Grayling. Free admission, call 989-348-9410. (-22/8)

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THE FUN BUFFET - Make your own tacos, hot dogs, nachos, burritos and burgers at Grayling Big Boy, includes SSB. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., \$8.99. (-7/21/11/tf/8)

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DON'T MISS OUT - Oct. 1, Stroll the Harvestfest in downtown Grayling and ride the wagon to the Arts and Crafts Show at the Primary School. Show hours 10 - 4. For more information, 348-7966. (-22/8)

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11. Automotive

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10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE 4831 HELEN Dr. Rain or Shine. (-22/10)

HUGE MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 355 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, off Wilcox Bridge Road. Indoor and outdoor furniture, electric stove, microwave, DVD/VCR, bicycle, treadmill, tent, dog crate, clothes, toys, too many items to mention. (-22/10)

YARD SALE Sept. 22, 23, 24 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Corner of Glenn Rd. and Orbit Dr., Pinecrest Sub. Games, craft supplies, art and craft books, Xmas decorations, many other items. (-22/10)

BIG SALE (eight families) - some items 50% off. Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22, from 10 - 7, at 6647 Nottingham. (-22/10)

CORRECTION - In the Sept. 15 Avalanche classifieds a garage sale ad, at 1576 River Dr., changes were not made before we went to print, therefore, some items listed were not for sale. The Avalanche apologizes for this error. (-22/10)

MOVING AUCTION!

Sept. 24, 10 a.m., Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture, mobility scooter, hospital bed, kitchenware, glassware, cookie jars, Barbie dolls, acoustic electric guitar, lawn furniture, tools, log splitter, Stihl chain saw, 1993 Lincoln Town Car, Bayliner Jazz Jet Boat, coins & much more! View online or call, Lets Talk Auction, 989 848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-22/10)

11. Automotive

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE all autos of any size. Top pay, higher pay for late models, 989-344-9040. (-1/20/11/tf/11)

FOR SALE 2002 FORD EXPLORER, XLT, \$5,800 OBO. 179,000 miles, 4 WD, air conditioning, power seats and windows, cruise control, leather interior, third row seats, flip-up sunroof, running boards, green. Good condition. Can be seen at Cornell Insurance Agency, 390-0188. (-8/11/11/tf/11)

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Sports

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Disc golf tournament to raise money for Rotary Club projects

Fall Flinger slated for Saturday, Oct. 1 at Hanson Hills

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), the governing body for Hanson Hills, and the Grayling Rotary Club, a local service organization that has donated thousands of dollars to build two disc golf courses at Hanson Hills, will host the Rotary Fall Flinger Fundraiser Disc Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Event organizers hope the tournament will help the Rotary Club raise money for future projects and serve as a showcase for the park's disc golf courses.

Hanson Hills has two courses: a hilly 19-hole Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) course that sends players up and down a variety of inclines and terrain, and the new Pine Knoll course, which is mostly flat but sends players through forest areas with a variety of obstacles. The Pine Knoll course can be

played as a nine-hole course or as an 18-hole course since it has two different sets of cement tee pads - one short, one long - both of which offer different angles at the baskets.

The Fall Flinger will incorporate both courses by offering three different divisions for participants: Beginner Division - 18 holes on the Pine Knoll course, using both sets of tees (\$15 registration fee); Recreational Division - two rounds, 19 holes on the PDGA course and 18 holes on the Pine Knoll course (\$20 registration fee); Open Division - two rounds, 19 holes on the PDGA course, nine holes on the Pine Knoll course, and another nine holes on the PDGA course (\$20 registration fee).

Event organizers said spectators are welcome and people will be able to walk the courses just to see what the sport has to offer.

"Even if they don't want to play they can come out and walk the course. It's going to be a really pretty fall walk," said Andy Moore, board member of the Grayling Rotary Club.

"This is an opportunity for people who haven't disc golfed before to learn, watch, or do it themselves, at least get a sense of what it's about," said Justin Scheer, Scheer Motors.

"Young people, old people, men, women - that's what we wanted," Moore said. "(Disc golf) is perfect



Fall Flinger organizers Justin Andre, left, Director of Operations for Grayling Recreation Authority, and Andy Moore, right, board member for the Grayling Rotary Club, both pictured at the Pine Knoll course's hole #3 basket - it has a unique obstacle, an uprooted tree, near it - hope the disc golf tournament will raise money for future Rotary Club projects and be a fun community event. The club donated \$15,000 to the effort to establish two disc golf courses at Hanson Hills, the second of which - the Pine Knoll course, a shorter, flatter course than Hanson Hills' 19-hole PDGA one - was completed this year.

Andre, Director of Operations for GRA. "We want to invite the community out. It's kind of like a grand opening. We want people to come out and try disc golf."

What is disc golf? Players throw discs from designated tee areas into round metal baskets that have chains hanging inside. The chains stop the disc and allow it to fall into the cage's basket. Like regular golf, the goal is to get the disc into the basket in as few throws as possible; also, like regular golf, each hole has a designated par score. Players use different discs depending on distance; some discs are "drivers," some are "putters," and some are designed for middle distance. It's also possible to just use one disc for the entire round.

Disc golf is free to play at Hanson Hills. Andre said approximately 40 people play the courses at Hanson Hills every day. Andre said it takes about 30 minutes to play nine holes at the Pine Knoll course and about an hour to play 18. The PDGA course takes longer.

"We've got guys that will come out and play two or three times per day," Andre said. "We've always got a lot on the table."

Organizers are still trying to find a few hole sponsors for the tournament. To be a hole sponsor, or for more information, contact Andre at (989) 348-9266.

"We spend a lot of money on the community," Moore said. "We've always got a lot on the table."

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Board will consider administrative ordinance at regular monthly meeting

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"It just seems odd to me that we're changing our government just because one person retires," Martella said.

Grayling Charter Township Board Trustee Dennis Long said discussions on making the township more efficient to save money started six years ago.

The township was facing cuts in revenue sharing, and eliminated janitorial, lawn care and snow plowing and removal contracts. Those duties were taken on by township employees.

"They all stepped forward and the job is still getting done," Long said. "Everybody put shoulder to shoulder together and we've been able to do more with less."

Long is in favor of assigning the township superintendent duties to Bob Dixon, the township's building inspector and zoning enforcement officer. Dixon has agreed to take on the extra with no extra pay.

Dixon was appointed to serve as deputy township supervisor earlier this month. Dixon, who was appointed to serve as the building inspector eight years ago, is not eligible to be appointed as the township supervisor because he lives in Kalkaska County's Bear Lake Township.

Wright is paid about \$52,000 plus a fringe benefit packages that costs the township about \$30,000.

Ashton said Wright's pay was increased over the years as result of cost of living increases and education he received as a township supervisor and tax assessor.

Long said passing the ordinance would offer a chance to bring financial expenditures in line with what it costs to operate the township. He said it would be foolish for the board and citizens to pass up the opportunity to bring a fresh approach to local government.

"We can't go back and have this trial again," Long said. "We're trying to think outside the box and still get the job done."

Ashton said adopting the ordinance is the only way the township can change the

supervisor's salary. Otherwise, the supervisor that will be appointed will receive the same salary that Wright is getting.

Under the proposed ordinance, the township supervisor would handle all statutory delegated duties such as signing legal documents, financial documents and budgets, tax assessment roles and overseeing township board meetings. The person would be paid \$1,500 per year plus travel expenses.

Grayling Charter Township Board Trustee Duane Brooks said the township should at least give the new administrative proposal a shot until the 2012 elections.

The township board will have 45 days to appoint a supervisor following Wright's retirement. Failure to make an appointment would result in Gov. Rick Snyder mandating that a special election be held.

"If we pass this ordinance, we can put somebody in there for the next 14 months," said Brooks, adding that he does not plan to run for reelection next year. "You can throw us all out in the next election."

Township resident Randy Sedgwick, who is a former township zoning enforcement officer, was in favor of the township saving some money.

"For 14 months, what do we have to lose," said.

The township just hired Cindy Reetz to serve as a tax assessor for \$50,000. Reetz is a retired level-four tax assessor from the State of Michigan. She has the highest level a tax assessor can achieve in the state and is not asking for benefits.

Former Grayling Township Tax Assessor Curt Marshall, who retired three years ago, was paid \$68,000.

Wright was serving as the township's tax assessor. Pat Kangas, a township secretary was studying to be the assessor, but recently left the township for a new job.

Grayling Township Trustee Shawn Krayes, who attended his first meeting Tuesday after serving a tour of duty in Kuwait, said the township could save about

\$72,000 over the next year. The savings would come from hiring the new assessor at a lesser salary and having Dixon handle the day-to-day administration for the township.

Savings beyond one year would require a closer examination of the budget.

"That's when you have to start putting the real pen to paper," Krayes said. "To say what's going to happen after 14 months is looking into a crystal ball."

Grayling Township resident Norm Schmoock questioned the change in township leadership along with why the township had to send out a second tax bill to correct an error.

"Things are going on in this township that don't look good," Schmoock said.

Grayling Charter Township Treasurer Cindy Olson said there was a computer error with the tax bills and did not want to get into a situation where people were pointing fingers at each other.

Ashton said she was not convinced that approving the ordinance was the way to go and there may be a person who is qualified to fill Wright's shoes.

"There are people out there that can do the job and they probably could learn it quickly," Ashton said.

Grayling Township resident Curt Jansen questioned creating two positions at a time when the economy is struggling.

"Government never shrinks - it just gets bigger," Jansen said. "I'm not against bigger government if there is a reason."

Jansen also said the township would lose the benefit by not having a supervisor in direct contact with citizens on a day-to-day basis.

"It's not all about just money," Jansen said.

The board decided to hold off on making a decision on the ordinance until this week. Township Trustee Bruce Zalobsky was hospitalized last week and was not at the public hearing.

"I think it would be valuable to have their input," Olson said about having Wright and Zalobsky at the meeting.

Red Cross kept lifeline of blood donors flowing

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give blood the day before.

"We were happy, and now we're getting even more donors because of the overflow from the Legion yesterday," Branch said.

Federal Drug Administration regulations mandate that a person can only give blood every 56 days or eight weeks.

A strategically placed American Red Cross truck, parked in front of the church, drew some donors to the blood drive at St. Mary's.

Grayling resident Jack Money, a Department of Natural Resources firefighter, was one of those who spotted the truck last week.

"The only reason I'm here today is when I went by, the truck was out front," Money said. "It's the right thing to do, they were here and I took the time out of my day to do it."

Grayling resident Brock Prater, who is a regular donor, also spotted the truck while cruising by on his bicycle.

"I know it's the right thing

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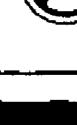
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